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FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT PORTION OF HELLA PICK'S INTERVIEW
WITH PRESIDENT CEAUCESCU, AS CARRIED IN 6/13 "GUARDIAN":

"QUESTION: YOU ALSO JUST VISITED NORTH KOREA. DO
YOU BELIEVE IN A RAPPROCHMENT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH
KOREA, AND ON WHAT BASIS?

CEAUCESCU: OUR VISIT WAS A REAFFIRMATION OF THE
GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR PARTIES AND COUNTRIES, AND
REFLECTS A COMMON COMMITMENT FOR THE REUNIFICATION OF
NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA. I BELIEVE THAT THIS NATIONAL
OBJECTIVE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE WILL BE ACHIEVED BECAUSE
THE SOUTH AS WELL AS THE NORTH WANTS TO LIVE IN A
UNITARY STATE. BUT PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION REQUIRES
SUSTAINED EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE DEMOCRATISATION OF THE
POLITICAL LIFE IN THE SOUTH, AS WELL AS NEGOTIATIONS
INVOLVING THE UNITED STATES TOGETHER WITH NORTH AND
SOUTH KOREA. I AM CONVINCED THAT THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED."

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